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APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to unstarred question No. 11 asked by Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao, at the meeting of the Legislative Council, held on the 29th March 1947, page 457 supra.]

New Well-subsidy Scheme.

The new Well-subsidy Scheme came into force from 1st March 1947. It supersedes all the earlier schemes and applies to all the districts in the province, except the Nilgiris and Madras.

In the districts of South Kanara and Malabar, not only wells but also tanks used for irrigation purposes, will be eligible for subsidies. In one respect the new scheme differs from the existing accelerated scheme, as no assistance under it will be granted in respect of repairs to existing sources. South Kanara and Malabar will, however, be exceptions to this rule also, and subsidies will be granted there for repairs to tanks as well.

The scheme offers a subsidy of half the cost, subject to the maxima mentioned below :—

South Kanara and Malabar ..	**Rs. 300 for new wells and Rs. 500 for tanks, new or old.**
Ceded districts	**Rs. 500 for new wells**
Other districts	**Rs. 300 for new wells.**

In the case of tanks (new and old) in South Kanara and Malabar, however, if the cost exceeds Rs. 1,000, the Collector will have discretion to sanction an amount equal to half the cost, up to a limit of Rs. 1,000; and the Board of Revenue will have similar powers, up to a limit of Rs. 2,000. The maximum subsidy will be only Rs. 2,000 in any case.

It is also proposed to raise the maximum subsidy for wells to Rs. 500 in areas where conditions similar to those in the Ceded districts exist.

Under this scheme, prior approval of the site of the well or tank is necessary. The proposed well or tank should have an ayacut of at least one acre. Except in the Ceded districts and other areas where similar conditions exist, wells costing more than Rs. 2,000 each will not be eligible for assistance under the scheme.

The usual condition regarding the growing of food crops for three years, will be imposed. Food crops will include vegetables and such other crops as may be approved by the Collector.

The amount of subsidy will not, as before, be given as a free grant in the first instance. It will be advanced as a takkavi loan at first and will be treated as subsidy only if the work is satisfactorily completed by 30th June 1948. Under no circumstances will this time for completion be extended. The disbursement of subsidies will stop on 31st March 1948.

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The loan, if it is not subsequently treated as sibsidy, will be repayable in five equal annual instalments. It will, however, be free of interest for the first year and repayment will start only after three years.

Wells for which subsidies have been sanctioned under the earlier schemes ,but have not actually been paid, will be treated as coming under the new scheme.

Well-works for which subsidies have been granted under the Accelerated Scheme and the Ceded Districts Scheme will also be allowed the time prescribed in the new scheme, i.e., up to 30th June 1948, for completion, provided that some part of the work, not necessarily a substantial part, has already been done.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide item VII at page 483 supra.]

L.A. BILL No. 7 OF 1947.

(As passed by the Assembly.)

A Bill further to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, the Madras City Municipal, District Municipalities and Local Boards (Second Amendment) Act, 1942, and the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Second Amendment) Act, 1946.

Madras Act V of 1920. Madras Act XIV of 1920. Madras Act XXIV of 1942. Madras Act XVI of 1946.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, the Madras City Municipal, District Municipalities and Local Boards (Second Amendment) Act, 1942, and the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Second Amendment) Act, 1946, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1947.

Amendment of Madras Act V of 1920.

Madras Act V of 1920.

2. In the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920—

(i) in section 7, sub-section (1), for the words "The municipal council", the words, brackets, figure and letter "Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3-B), the municipal council" shall be substituted ;